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Folline fined in DUI case

By RICK PELTZ
Phi Editor

Senior Class President and Student Conduct Committee member Joseph Read Folline was found guilty Tuesday of driving with a blood-alcohol level greater than .1 percent, a misdemeanor.

"I didn't get a raw deal," Folline said Wednesday. "I was above the legal limit and should not have been driving."

Folline also reaffirmed his Feb. 5 statement that the incident would have no effect on his judgment as an SCC member.

"I've already been questioned about this," Folline said. "I don't think you [The Ring-tum Phi] have to bring it up again."

Folline pled not guilty in Lexington-Rockbridge Combined General District Court.

Judge Joseph E. Hess fined Folline \$200 and restricted his driving to work- and school-related activities. The fine may be suspended, the judge ordered, if Folline participates in an alcohol awareness program.

Folline's defense was in part based on his leadership at W&L and his character. Folline's attorney, Gordon F. Saunders, noted Folline's status as class president and presented a letter from Dean of Students David L. Howison attesting to Folline's character.

"[When I met Folline,] I was immediately impressed with his good temperament, his intellectual insight, and the good-natured manner he demonstrated in dealing with people," Howison wrote.

Lexington Police Officer Matthew J. Bennett said after he pulled Folline over, Folline performed poorly in roadside sobriety tests and then failed a breathalyzer field test. Bennett arrested him and took him to the police station for a breathalyzer test, where he blew a .15 blood-alcohol level.



Photo by Leigh Allen, The Ring-tum Phi

Sophomore Valerie Shannon and senior Jay Fertile paint decorations for next weekend's Fancy Dress ball.

FD returns to the age of explorers

By JOYCE BAUTISTA
Phi Staff Reporter

This year Fancy Dress goes to embark on "A Return Voyage to the Age of Exploration," which will focus on the famed and fabled voyages of Christopher Columbus, which began in 1492.

In 1992, vast amounts of money will be expended all over the world on quinquennial parades, statues and festivals commemorating Columbus' voyages. Yet some people will splash blood-red paint on Columbus statues and others have said they will hang Columbus in effigy and try him in planned tribunals.

Fancy Dress Vice-Chairman Lewis Perkins said he hoped no controversy would result from this year's theme.

"I don't see why it [the theme] needs to be controversial," he said. "This is a party."

Most of the modern Columbus controversy centers on his treatment of the natives he encountered during his journeys. Some

critics say Columbus readily took advantage of the natives, asking them where he could find the hordes of gold that would make his mission worthwhile to his Spanish sponsors. The critics say Columbus took natives to Spain as slaves, and that he wrote about what good servants the "Indians" would make.



Conversely, others say Columbus respected the natives, that he used them as guides and translators. Such critics point out that he ultimately forbade unfair trading between sailors and natives. Columbus reported to the Spanish monarchs that the na-

tives could be converted to Christianity easily; he initially thought, incorrectly, that they had no religion at all.

The critics also say Columbus' poetic musings on the magnificence of the land and the ignorance of the people probably served as well to impress the king and queen as to reflect Columbus' own impressions. His letters to the Spanish monarchs, critics argue, are unreliable sources in determining Columbus' true thoughts and intentions, because his audience was anticipating tales of gold and opportunity.

According to *Newsweek* writer David Gates, "Like heroes from Julius Caesar to John Kennedy, Christopher Columbus has mostly been who people want him to be."

"Columbus sometimes exaggerated, misinterpreted and just plain lied, particularly in overselling the islands he discovered," according to Gates. For example, during his first voyage Columbus reportedly kept two

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Students denied voting

By THOMAS EISENHAUER
Phi Senior Copy Editor

Sophomore Ryan Dennard Monday appealed to a Rockbridge County Circuit Court judge to reverse a decision by the Lexington registrar that prevents him from registering to vote here.

Dennard said he tried to register last Tuesday but was rejected by the registrar, Lucille Joyce, who determined that he was not a Lexington resident. He said he wants to participate in local party politics.

Joyce also would not allow sophomore Matt Jackson or first-year law student Chris Kowalczyk to register Monday. Kowalczyk said he will try to register today and file suit in federal court if he is refused.

"I do live here for nine months, and they are taxing me," he said. "I have no intention of paying the car tax until this is resolved."

The Virginia Constitution says that a person can vote in the area of his "domicile and place of abode."

Normally, Joyce said, a person can register if he claims to live in Lexington and gives a street address.

But Joyce played "word games" with Dennard in order to determine that he does not fit the requirements, he said. When he argued that he claims Lexington as his place of residence, Dennard said, Joyce threatened to charge him with perjury.

In January 1990, the Lexington Electoral Board ruled that students can vote in Lexington, and that the registrar cannot discriminate against them.

Dennard's appeal will be decided by Judge George E. Honts III. Joyce said, "Judge Honts ruled before that students are transients."

All three students said they believe Joyce is trying to prevent students from voting.

"She said, 'I am the law in Lexington when it comes to voting,'" Kowalczyk said.

Hill says firetruck donation and city car tax are separate issues

By LEIGH ALLEN
Phi Staff Reporter

Washington and Lee spokesmen say a university donation of \$50,000 to the city of Lexington to replace an outdated fire truck is unrelated to the car tax issue, but many students disagree.

W&L Director of Communications Brian Shaw said that replacing the city's 35-year-old snorkel fire truck is necessary because the truck is designed to fight fires in multi-story buildings like Gaines Hall, Graham-Lees, and the barracks at Virginia Military Institute.

"Student lives would be put at risk if the city did not have this truck," Shaw said. "Tying the car tax issue in with the money for this fire truck is bullshit."

Sophomore David McDannald disagreed. He said he would support giving the city money if it would drop the car tax.

"We shouldn't be giving both ways," McDannald said.

City Manager T. Jon Ellestad said the city also asked VMI, the city of Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County to help pay for the truck, which could be sent to fight fires anywhere in Rockbridge County. But only

W&L has given money, he said.

W&L will allot \$10,000 annually for the next five years for the \$50,000 donation, according to W&L Treasurer Larry Broomall.

Broomall said that W&L gives the city about \$55,000 a year, not including the fire truck donation, because W&L is exempt from property taxes, but uses many city services.

According to Ellestad, W&L students pay about \$70,000 per year in car taxes.

Ellestad said the city had saved \$200,000 toward the purchase of the \$600,000 truck, but the money had to be spent when another fire truck broke down.

Ellestad said the city will save money for 5 or 6 years before buying the new truck.

Sophomore Jason Dunn said that students already share an unfair tax burden in Lexington.

"They should be catering to us. We already give them enough money by support-

ing local businesses," Dunn said.

Broomall said the city has made special requests for money from the university before.

Three years ago W&L donated \$100,000 to help the city build a new high school because many faculty members have children in public school here.

Broomall said the two requests are similar because they both go to projects that benefit the university.

In other news pertaining to the car tax, Executive Committee President Giles Perkins said on March 9 that he might support some action to shield students from the car tax.

Perkins said on March 9 he would consider endorsing a boycott of city businesses like the one that was called off last winter by then-EC President Tom Hatcher.

Hatcher preferred to try further mediation with the city, saying the boycott would injure merchants who are not responsible for levying the tax.

Perkins asked first-year law EC Rep. Bill Callahan and second-year law EC Rep. Jay Sterne to evaluate student options under Virginia law and report to the EC Monday.



Shaw



Sigma Phi Epsilon Photo

SPE freshmen (l to r) Phil Harries, Michael Neal, Drew Hammond and Kris Fegenbush practice for their performance of "I'm Too Sexy."

SPE freshmen win MTV contest

By JENNIFER LATHAM
Phi Staff Reporter

How sexy can Sigma Phi Epsilon's lip sync team get?

Sexy enough to win MTV's Lip Service contest in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Sunday, giving Washington and Lee its second Lip Service win in three years.

After winning second place in the W&L SAMS Rock-Alike contest, Stickboy and the Catwalks were chosen to compete at the MTV contest, performing "I'm Too Sexy."

The competitions pitted the group

of Drew Hammond, Phil Harries, Michael Neal, Robert Stewart and Kris Fegenbush against other college competitors.

In addition to winning a trophy and various gifts from Coca-Cola for themselves, a check for \$5,000 will be given to Students Against Multiple Sclerosis in SPE's name.

"The most exciting part was competing and just being there with all those celebrities," Neal said.

The group can be seen on MTV's Lip Service Friday at 5 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at noon, 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.



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Don't confuse freedom and libel

In a true act of cowardice, someone last weekend covered the campus with fliers accusing some members of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity of committing sex crimes and others of allowing sex crimes to go unreported. The posters were signed only with a pen name.

If the distributors of the fliers have evidence of a crime, they should report it to authorities. The First Amendment protects free expression, even anonymous expression, but never libel.

The only purpose one-sided accusations like the fliers serves is to make unfounded accusations without fear of reprisal and free debate. That seems to indicate that the accuser has something to hide.

Let's set the record straight

Throughout this year we have faced accusations of insensitivity and sensationalism in our coverage. Many students have accused us of using the power of the press to undermine the community of trust at Washington and Lee. Without addressing any single instance from the year, we want to clarify our position.

The Ring-tum Phi is a newspaper. It is run by students, it serves the W&L community, and it receives funding from student government. But in the end, it is still a newspaper. As such, it shares standards of professionalism and ethics with every other respectable newspaper, from *The News-Gazette* and *The Rockbridge Weekly* to *The New York Times*, and yes, even *USA Today*. To some extent, every newspaper must take into consideration the needs and desires of the community it serves. And to some extent, every newspaper has a responsibility to inform, even when the published product is not palatable to the community. So we walk a fine line.

Many students have told us that we should compromise our professional standards because we are not a "real" newspaper. What they fail to understand is that no matter what our standards are, no matter what we publish or do not publish, facts will not change. Students have two choices: to be ignorant of the facts or to be informed. The role of journalists has always been, and will always be, to create an informed public, a public well-equipped to make decisions. As journalists, we cannot abdicate that responsibility. We would do everyone a disservice by pretending that W&L is enclosed in a glass bubble, safe from the unpleasantness of the outside world.

In order to fulfill our responsibilities, we have to do the same things "real" journalists do. We make editorial decisions about what stories are newsworthy, how they should play in the paper, what the angle of coverage should be, and so on. That is our job. That is what we are here at W&L to learn to do more effectively. We do not object to criticism; to the contrary, we invite it.

But we are disappointed when criticism reflects an ignorance of what print journalism is. It is absurd to say that the Phi covers something poorly because, to take a common example, the university administration is offended by the story. We are not in the business of making people happy or sad. We are in the business of communication and information.

We are also disappointed when critics attack members of our staff personally and accuse them of malice and intentional bias. We do not tolerate malice or intentional bias of staff members in the performance of their duties. And like any respectable newspaper, we do our very best to filter out all bias. We always strive for objectivity.

The Ring-tum Phi is a newspaper. It observes. It informs. It plays the role of watchdog. We do not ask that you like what we print. We do ask that you understand why we do it.

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New code does not further W&L's 'mission'

MY VIEW

By Donald E. Jeffrey, '84, '92L

It is interesting that a majority of the CRC has so summarily discarded the Constitutional protection of free speech. The majority notes that there are aspects of our Honor, fraternity and student conduct systems which would also violate the Constitution but that a private school may do so to advance an "educational mission."

How convenient to ignore that the CRC stands alone in this group, because of its embryonic nature. If we discard the Constitution on the issue of free speech, what's next? Compulsory chapel services?

Part of W&L's educational mission is to expose people to diverse viewpoints. Moreover, the university has been committed to student self-government. This is why the school can operate the Honor System so well. Should we eschew all of this just to make sure that no one ever gets his feelings hurt?

Faculty or deans should be involved in rape cases. However, I remain opposed to the CRC's "offensive speech" role. Several of the assumptions underlying the CRC's role here are repugnant. First, the CRC implies that white male students are incapable of adjudicating cases of conduct with racist or sexist overtones. Yet, as I was writing this letter, I read an article in the school newspaper from the predominantly white, predominantly Virginian, all-male, Hampden-Sydney about a three-semester suspension meted out to a white student who apparently left a threatening message on the machine of a black student there.

Second, there is a presumption that white males will treat women and minorities differently. In my 30 years, I have had the opportunity to attend W&L for seven years, a high school with a significantly black student body for three years and work for a federal agency for over four years, and one thing has become

painfully clear to me: Decent people judge others not on their color or gender, but on their honesty, diligence, sense of humor, coolness under fire, intelligence and ability to stand on their own two feet. To send any other message to students is antithetical to the educational mission of this school.

Indeed, one of our missions ought to be to teach people to stand up for themselves. I am reminded of Nat Hentoff's story about a black student at an Ivy League law school who stood up and told one of the white students arguing for a speech code that the white student's patronizing attitude toward him was more harmful than the word "nigger."

Third, university disciplinary committees should be looking at conduct and not speech, per se. For example, if a person continues to make "ugly" jokes about someone who has asked him to stop, the SCC should examine the conduct of harassment as opposed to the content of the speech.

The very existence of the CRC implies that we will sanction speech even if no pattern of offensive conduct is present. The chilling effect that this will have on speech could be astonishing. Consider the likelihood of being able to discuss fully the range of opinions on welfare or abortion without offending someone on racial or gender grounds. Moreover, consider how easy it is to offend someone inadvertently. Should someone be subject to discipline for a comment laden with "subtle" racism or sexism?

One of the strongest arguments of those in favor of co-education here was that it would enhance the intellectual life of this campus because of the woman's viewpoint being added. Wouldn't it be interesting if the CRC, a body designed to facilitate co-education, silenced debate where the divergent views of men and women could come to the surface?

The CRC should be relieved of its jurisdiction over speech issues. If students are seeking such paternalism, they need only apply to Ann Arbor.

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Student scolds Phi reporter, story

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my disgust and offense at the recent Phi article, "Hudnall cleared of rape and sodomy charges" (March 12). I am embarrassed that such tabloid journalism should be associated with the university and supported by our student activities fee. Ms. Lopiccolo must know that a sensitive issue like rape needs to be handled with tact — not with names needlessly dragged through the mud. I only hope this article does not reflect a new, lurid trend for *The Ring-tum Phi*. Will the letterhead soon read *The W&L Inquirer*?

Sincerely,
 Beth M. Provanzana, '95

Phi rape coverage is not sensational

To the Editor:

I would like to address the dissatisfaction concerning the Phi's recent article about the Hudnall case. There are many people who believe that the article should not have been printed. They believe the issue is too sensitive and has been sensationalized in the Phi. But I think the Phi should be commended. Cathy Lopiccolo wrote an accurate, professional journalistic account of the event. Our student paper is about reporting real, relevant news, and rape on the W&L campus is all too real and relevant. All major media sources report on rape cases, and the Phi never disclosed the victim's name.

Rape is a subject that has been too often ignored in the past. I know people on this campus who have endured this trauma — nothing was said or done. The situation has never received adequate attention.

The student who came forward has done a great thing for the women of Washington and Lee. She has shown great courage in confronting Hudnall in court. The Phi has also done a service to all W&L women by printing the story. We can only put an end to rape by staying aware and talking about it.

The Phi is not some school project meant to entertain the students of W&L, it is a media device meant to keep this community informed, run by real, aspiring journalists.

Sincerely,
 Kelli Klick, '93

Ed. note — Ms. Klick is secretary of the Washington and Lee Publications Board.

EC warns thieves: stealing is an HV

To the Student Body:

All of us enjoy the opportunity to purchase food everyday at our Co-op. We have a unique privilege to be able to place an order and then pay for it while we wait. We are trusted by the cashiers to tell them what we ordered, even down to lettuce and tomatoes. They require no proof of what we order, simply our word of

CRC: why stop with speech?

LET IT RIDE

By Chris Swann

Last week, I read about the new CRC idea for protecting those molested by language deemed unsuitable for public hearing. Just what I need in college, a babysitter. Two weeks ago, we conducted a major political experiment involving the presidential race. I believe now it is time to examine our own campus government before it turns nasty.

According to the new proposal, free speech doesn't apply to Washington and Lee students. Anybody remember signing a statement to that effect upon entering our school?

Gather round the bonfire, boys and girls, it's time to take the CRC's new idea to its logical extreme.

Maybe it was somewhere between the descriptions of the Honor System and fraternity Rush, "Oh, and by the way, no cursing or it's sayonara!" I'd like to examine the possible circumstances of this little codicil, if I may (of course I can, it's my column).

First off, all works of literature in our student library containing any obscene or racial language must be burned. I've always had a burning desire to torch *The Confessions of Nat Turner* or *The Catcher in the Rye*. And forget great works by black authors, like *Native Son*, because it has the word "nigger" in it. Gather round the bonfire, boys and girls, I'm just getting warmed up.

Next, let's forget the theme parties on campus. Old South will definitely have to go because non-Southerners, might feel left out, and those attending obviously think slavery should be re-instituted. The Headbanger's Ball is out since it takes advantage of rebellious leather-wearing, rebels by making fun of them. Sherman's March to the Sea takes a hike because it obviously condones raping, pillaging and arson. Ask any Georgian. Why, we'll have to cancel Chi Omega's White Carnation Ball because it singles out one flower above the rest.

Come to think of it, Fancy Dress will have to go, too, because it connotes an idea of fancy, i.e. rich, costumes or outfits. Why not "Poor Dress" or "The Unemployed Ball?" Anybody getting hot yet? Flames too high? Tough, I'm not finished.

Now we turn to the fraternities. Alpha Phi Alpha will have to leave because it is a nationally black fraternity. White males might feel intimidated. Kappa Alpha kicks the bucket because of the reverse. The Fiji house will sign out, too, because certain people might think Northerners are all loud-mouthed Italians, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon is history because others might think they're all drunk rednecks.

Heck, we might just have to change the name of the school. Both Washington and Lee owned slaves, a concept that insults all intelligent people. So, let's just rename our university, because those people offend me for buying people like mules. Doesn't Wilson College has a nice ring.

I have to stop because this little fire I have started has grown out of bounds and is consuming things beyond its initial scope. Things like the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, which the CRC didn't intend to destroy. But their proposal, taken to logical extremes (and Americans have a knack for taking things to extremes), threatens to char and incinerate those very documents.

I have the right to say what I want, within certain laws on obscenity. With that right comes the responsibility for my words. If I call somebody "nigger," a word I abhor, I accept anger and any resulting action due to my saying that word. I do not want a group such as the CRC judging whether or not I can graduate with my class after fighting for a place at this special university because I call a girl a "bitch." I would hope we are all mature enough to realize that such talk is absurd and that we will handle such discourtesy ourselves without a watchdog enforcing polite manners. True, good manners comes from within, not from a law etched in stone. That is following orders, and I'm not enlisted in any army. I would hope we are all strong enough to speak our minds, whether or not somebody agrees with us, and socially punish classmates who step outside the bounds of common courtesy and decency.

But, alas, the politically correct have made inroads even here. Line up outside Washington Hall, ladies and gentlemen (excuse me, I mean, "persons with differing sexual organs"). Baby pacifiers will be distributed on the left, and please drop off your constitutional rights in the box on the left. Welcome to Generic Institute of Learning, where your future rides on the shoulders of the meek and inoffensive. By the way, no smoking — I hate cigarettes.

honor.

The management of our Co-op has brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that some students may be abusing this privilege. The management feels that some students may be taking food that they do not pay for. This would obviously be stealing and a violation of trust in the university community. This letter serves as a warning that the Co-op will turn in students to the EC who do not pay for their food.

Thank you,
 The Executive Committee

Law wives bash MacKenzie, again

To the Editor:

Once again, the young Mr. MacKenzie, '93, has inspired us, two "Law Wives," to put aside our bon-bons, stop painting our toenails and turn off Oprah just long enough to compose this letter. We, the proletariat, are incensed by young Mr. MacKenzie's consistent, insidious bashing of the democratic system, a system of which we are justifiably proud.

Since Mr. MacKenzie seems only to formulate thoughts in sharp words and sarcasm, the remainder of this letter will be duly mean-spirited and condescending. Niall, oh Niall, (does that rhyme with "puerile"?), when will you see the light? You are not the only one who has ventured beyond his native borders. Which brings us to an interesting point: where did you spend

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those first 19 years of your life? And if you enjoyed sharing such hearty laughter with those foreign nationals at the expense of the American system, why do you languish within her borders? Surely this country is much too misguided in its view of proper government for you to stoop to live here.

Perhaps you are in America because your fellow Canadians could no longer bear your insufferable bellyaching and encouraged you to spread the misery around. You, the disaffected rich boy, have done just that. Instead of spreading prosperity and goodwill, you spread pessimism and bitterness. You are the quintessential tapeworm in the stomach that is the American system.

Despite your prolific writings on the subject, you appear to need a lesson in democracy. While you have exercised your right to free speech (often), you have not exercised your brain in the bargain. We all know that democracy can permit unfortunate results for a few individuals; yet Americans do not stampede to abolish our system wholesale. And citizens of undemocratic countries, when given the choice, invariably choose democracy. Witness: Nicaragua, Estonia, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Poland, Chile, Hungary, Turkey... And the essence of democracy: the right to vote.

We are hardly surprised at your cynicism in rejecting the power of the ballot box. You, young Mr. MacKenzie, have been given everything and have sacrificed nothing. By your ungrateful behavior, you have demonstrated to all of us that you do not deserve freedom as much as those less fortunate persons in other lands, who risk life and limb for the chance to taste liberty.

Since you are so well-travelled, maybe you ought to take your show on the road once again: we hear the communist Chinese are looking for a few volunteers for their PR department. You ought to fit right in. And until that blessed day, remember that you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Howling With Derisive Laughter,
Martha Miller, Law Wife '92,
First Generation American and Taxpayer
Kara Neurock, Law Wife '92,
Tax-paying American (and proud of it)

P.S. — Please send us an autographed copy of your Parisian memoirs. We love comic books...

Criticism avoids finding a solution

To the Editor:
Heaven knows I wouldn't want to add to the growing ego of Mr. MacKenzie, but I felt it necessary to truly set the record straight and save us all from his continuing barrage of truisms.

It is apparent from his letter to the Phi on March 12 that Mr. MacKenzie has no personal affection for the United States and her system of government. Fine. It's probably fair to say that everyone has, at some point, criticized our government. It is one of the rights given us by the Constitution. However, I fail to see the utility of tearing down the entire infrastructure of our society without offering a single tenable solution to its problems. Yes, our system is flawed, but has Mr. MacKenzie provided us with any answers to the faults he has so easily found? Has the ever-so-worldly Mr. MacKenzie encountered a system so far superior to ours that we should scrap 216 years of work? I doubt it.

It seems unlikely that we've heard the last of Mr. MacKenzie, but I would just like to say that

if all he has to offer are a lot of unsubstantiated opinions, then he is no better than those he so adamantly criticizes.

Sincerely,
Jennifer K. Gladwell, '93

Principle destroys what it 'protects'

To the Editor:
The Confidential Review Committee's new conduct creed considers it Washington and Lee's privilege to deny us our First Amendment rights because W&L is a private institution. Does this mean that all of our Constitutional rights will be denied by the university? What's next? Will women not be allowed to vote? Will students be denied habeas corpus? Will we be denied the freedom to practice our own religion?

According to Amendment X of the Constitution, "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it, to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." As a student-run government, doesn't that mean that we, as the students, have the right to determine whether or not the administration can censor our opinions and publications?

By denying our Constitutional rights, the CRC is undermining its own position, since it is the Constitution that gives us that equal opportunity. By denying us our Constitutional rights, the CRC is rejecting one of the fundamental ideas they are trying to uphold.

Sincerely,
Heather Leonard, '94

Class of '92 urged to give annually

To the Class of 1992:
As the Young Alumni Vice Chairman of the Washington and Lee Annual Fund, I am responsible for encouraging greater participation in the Annual Fund among young alumni.

For those who are not familiar with the Annual Fund, it is the primary means of soliciting alumni contributions to the university. Unlike contributions to the university's endowment, contributions to the Annual Fund are used to buy library books, pay faculty salaries and otherwise finance the same costs covered by tuition. In fact, a strong Annual Fund is what allows W&L to maintain tuition at a relatively low level, especially in comparison to other selective schools across the country.

Although W&L alumni take great pride in the university, W&L continually ranks well below most schools with which we compete in terms of the percentage of alumni contributing to the Annual Fund. Because improving Alumni participation is a continuing priority, we are making a special effort to encourage alumni who have graduated since 1981 to contribute to the Annual Fund.

Part of this effort is to emphasize to current W&L students the importance of the Annual Fund, continuing a tradition with the Class of 1992, who will soon be the youngest of the university's alumni. In the next several weeks, members of the class will be contacted by a classmate about participating in the 1992-93 Annual Fund through the Senior Class Pledge Project. I hope that students, when contacted

about the Annual Fund, will make a pledge and participate fully in the success of the university.

Sincerely,
Bennett Ross, '83

Live Drive thanks MC volunteers

To the W&L Community,
I want to recognize the people who volunteered their time to Live Drive for Mock Convention weekend, and I wish to share last weekend's statistics with the community.

Thanks to Amy Roberson, Jess Graff, Melissa McNaull, Dionne Blyden, Sara Morgan, B.J. League, R.H. Powell, Alan Hamrick, Chris Barlow, Whitney Bludworth, Doug Burns, Rosanne Cornbrooks and Bill Gregg for Live Drive's 45 man-hours logged last weekend. Special thanks to everyone who worked until 2:30 and 3 a.m. until Zollman's was cleared. Live Drive carried about 575 people MC weekend.

To all those callers who found another route before we got to you, we can only say, we did our best. Thank you for your courtesy and understanding.

Finally, we appreciate the many thank you's we get when picking people up. But the best way you can show your gratitude is to get involved. If each person who used Live Drive this weekend signed up to work just once, it would keep us rolling the year round. So we hope to see many of you in the driver's seat in the future.

On Behalf of Live Drive,
Rick Peltz, '93

Ed. note — The preceding letter was received on March 9.

Freshmen pay tax and get nothing

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to an incident that I witnessed on Monday, March 16. About 1:45 p.m. I saw a sight we are all too familiar with — a W&L security guard towing a car. What made this unusual was where the car was parked — not on W&L property, but on the street in front of Sigma Chi. When I asked why, I was told that freshmen weren't allowed to park anywhere except the freshmen lot. I was amazed to learn this, especially since they are subject to the same car tax that we are.

So basically, they have to pay the tax and then are not allowed by W&L, not Lexington, to even use the streets that they pay for. What gives W&L security the right to decide where anyone can park as long as it's not on campus? In the fall of 1988, there were around 1,100 spaces for 1,200 stickers. Of course, that was before both Gaines and Lenfest took over prime parking areas. Don't get me wrong, I love not being able to find a space in the Corral at 8:45 on a Tuesday morning or, for that matter, any evening. It seems that the majority of cars in the corral are permanently parked there, leaving no room for anyone else. Maybe W&L should spend more time and money trying to come up with more parking spaces and less on supplying the city with a new fire-fighting truck.

Sincerely,
Lee A. Rorrer, '93

Ed Note: The Ring-tum Phi attempts to run all letters to the editor. However, due to a glut of letters received for this issue we could not. Items were selected for publication solely by order of submission and space available.

GENERAL NOTES

Russian Film

The film *Brothers Karamazov* will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on March 19 in Reid Hall 203. The film is sponsored by the Russian Film Series. A brief commentary will precede the showing and the public is invited. The film is especially recommended for students of the Russian language, philosophy, history, politics, religion, and film studies. There will only be one showing.

War College

The U.S. Army War College Current Affairs Panel convenes Session I: "Prospects for the World Socialist Movement" at 7:30 p.m. on March 24 in Commerce School 327 and Session II: "The East-West European Community" at 7:30 p.m. on March 25 in Commerce School 327. Seven military specialists from the USAWC will conduct the panels. This panel is sponsored by the Politics Department and the Foreign Affairs Club. The public is invited. The panelists will remain on campus for classroom talks upon request. For details, contact Prof. C. McCaughrin, Politics, Dept., ext. 8624.

Generalprobe

Generalprobe, a newly formed drama group comprised of German majors and upper level German students, will perform two one-act comedies in the German language. The plays will be performed on March 24-25 at 7 p.m. in the Lenfest Center's Johnson Theatre. Admission is free. Both plays will be performed in German. An English synopsis is included in the program. The plays are sponsored by the German Department.

Fly Fishing

Professor McDaniel and several students will hold casting sessions Thursdays at 4 p.m. at the Liberty Hall ruins. All fly fishermen and interested students are welcome. For more information, contact Andrew Tucker at 463-9112.

Film Society

The next presentation of the Washington and Lee Film Society will be *The Last Temptation of Christ*, directed by Martin Scorsese. Showings will be at 8:05 p.m. on March 20-21 in Lewis Hall Classroom "A." There is no charge for admission. The film is in English. *The Last Temptation of Christ* is Scorsese's controversial adaptation of Nikos Kazantzaki's controversial novel of the last days of Jesus Christ. There will also be an important Film Society meeting on March 19 in Commerce School Room 221 at 7:05 p.m. They will vote on a film for the spring term and discuss the student film contest.

Lost Rings

Two rings have been lost. One is a gold ring with script initials MSC on the underside and reads Russell High School '91 12-13-89. If found, please contact Mark Crider at 463-9510. A ring of great sentimental value has also been lost. It is a 1939 gold class ring with the initials LRS on the inside of the band. If found, please call 464-4014.

Amnesty

There will be an Amnesty International Write-A-Thon on March 23 in the Co-op. Please stop by and sign a letter. With every 25 cent donation, you earn a chance to win a T-shirt.

Calyx News

Senior pictures can be turned into the Calyx up until March 31.

Student Offices

Applications for positions on next year's Contact Committee, Student Activities Executive Board, Cold Check Committee and Emergency Loan Committee. Only those going away for Spring term only may pick up applications in front of Carol Calkins' office in the University Center beginning March 23. They are due 5 p.m., March 30.

Experiment

People are needed to participate in a psychology experiment. It's painless. For more information, please call Carlin Jones ASAP at 464-3971.

SCC

Four members of the class of 1995 were found guilty of a violation of the university drug policy. The students were turned into the SCC by the Dean of Residence Life. The SCC sentenced them to eviction from the dorms, 30 hours of community service, two counseling sessions with Dr. Worth, and conduct probation through the end of the year. One member of the class of 1995 was found guilty of a third dormitory policy violation. The student was turned into the SCC by the head dorm counselor. The student was sentenced to eight hours with Live Drive, a \$25 fine, and conduct probation through the end of the year. Three additional cases were investigated and dismissed.

Report

Be a reporter for *The Ring-tum Phi* spring term. Call Tom Eichenhauer at 463-9544.

No Notes

This is the last regular issue of *The Ring-tum Phi* for winter term. General Notes will resume April 23.

Jameson Leonardi compiled the General Notes.

Interviews and photos by Teresa Williams

TALKBACK

In honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon's victory in Daytona, what are you Too Sexy For?



Jeff Tibbals, '95, Dallas, Texas — "Pledgeship"



Kathy Koberstein, Romance Languages Department — "The answer to that is obvious: Lexington, Va. ...although, I was invited to go dancing at the Moose Lodge."



Christy Johnson, '93, Lawrenceville, N.J. — "Reggie Aggarwal"



Marshall Boswell, English Department — "My girlfriend, which no doubt explains why she slammed me, presumably for another guy."



Robert Stewart, '95, Lithonia, Ga. and "I'm Too Sexy" act participant — "Daytona — it's the cheesiest place ever."



Ricci Webb, '92, Maitland, Fla. — "FD"

Fancy Dress... Expectations, memories



The necessary guide to FD

By BRANT MARTIN
Senior

I'm not really sure why the Phi asked me to write a perspective on Fancy Dress. If the editors had followed me around on any of my past three FD's, I'm pretty sure they would have asked someone else. I have an uncanny ability to ask the wrong person, and the choice of date is theoretically one of the keys to having a successful weekend.

I say theoretically because that's the beauty of FD. You can take the female equivalent of the Antichrist and still have a good time. I know, I've done it. Yet even taking into account my track record of female companions, the three FD's I've attended still rank up there as three of the best weekends I've had at W&L.

Now, I'm not going to go off and tell a bunch of obscure stories about FD that involve people only myself and my friends know. I'll let the junior and sophomore perspectives do that, and everyone except for the freshmen can skip over them like always. What I thought was best to do was to formulate my own warped version of a FD guideline. The following criteria are only suggestions, ignore them at your benefit or peril.

1. Take someone fun. FD is expensive, and you don't want to waste your money on someone who's going to sit there and watch while you have a great time. A corollary to this rule is that high school girlfriends or boyfriends who are still in high school are usually a bad choice. They're not in college yet, and they have no idea what you've been doing for the past seven months. Keep it that way. They'll find out soon enough when they get to college.

2. Plan to spend a lot more money than you antici-

pate. I guarantee you'll spend it. Take your most liberal estimate on what you think you'll need and add at least \$50, depending on your spending habits.

3. Learn at least one ballroom dance. This sounds stupid, but dancing to the orchestra or swing band is a blast.

4. When you first get to the ball, walk around and look at the decorations. You won't recognize the gym, and the FD committees do a great job decorating. This is not a prom with cheap crepe paper and cardboard stars.

5. The week of FD, get your work done early. You won't get any work done during the weekend.

6. Buy good beer for the weekend. Don't let your date think you're cheap unless he or she already knows it.

7. Don't take your FD cups to any of the weekend parties if you plan on keeping them.

8. If you lose your date, don't spend all weekend chasing after him or her. If you get ditched, find someone else who has been ditched. There will be plenty. For some reason, FD is conducive to date-swapping, and it makes for great stories you can tell all of your friends on Sunday.

9. Don't tell your date, "Well, I was going to take him or her, but he or she already had a date." This is common sense, but you'd be surprised at the number of times it happens. If you do make this mistake, refer to guideline #8 for help in coping with the aftermath.

10. Have fun, and don't stress out about finals coming up. You can take a class over again, but you only have four FD's.

Well, there it is. I'm sure some others will come to mind, but that should give you a pretty good idea. Number 10 is the most important; FD is a great tradition and a lot of fun, so just relax and enjoy the ride.

Pace yourself, you'll have a b

By JENNY MITCHELL
Sophomore

Fancy Dress, the biggest and best party at W&L, brings to campus a spirit of exuberance and fun that we look forward to experiencing all year.

Girls start worrying and wondering who their FD dates are going to be months in advance. After Christmas break, the "FD date" becomes #1 on the agenda. FD's imminent arrival is marked by a noticeable increase in the number of party participants between the months of January and March. Even the academicians of W&L who never set foot outside the library, except to make a disciplined two-and-a-quarter-minute trek to the cop and back, break "tradition" and go to parties in their effort to get a date.

As further evidence of FD's importance, most guys actually ask their chosen girl a week and a half or more in advance of the great occasion. These facts alone make FD an extremely significant event. Why is it so significant?

It is three days chock full of fun. You get to eat at a nice restaurant (if you're lucky), dance to

good music without bumping into people (because there is enough room, unlike at most fraternity parties), look like you spent more than ten minutes getting dressed and party as hard as you like. Another great part of FD is watching what everybody else is doing.

Basically, you see a bunch of people maneuvering around the dance floor and either acting like or not even pretending to know what they're doing. Once in awhile there will be a couple looking dreamily into one another's eyes moving in an ever slower circle over the same spot.

Then, of course, you run into the Hollywood wannabes who collide into, run over and trample people in a frenzied attempt to catch the photographers.

It must be noted, however, that at least half the people have no clue that they have been knocked into because they are so faint from their recent decision to put themselves on a liquid diet.

Another interesting phenomenon you will observe is the single female or male furtively darting from one part of the gym to the other talking to different people and sort of blending in with the

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What will FD be

By CHARLOTTE LONG
Freshman

Fancy Dress? I have no idea what it is in store for me, but the stories I have heard from past years leave me with great expectations.

Actually, the majority of the people who shared their experiences with me commented on how many people got Minor-in-Possession tickets or were picked up for public intoxication. At least I'll know what to avoid! I was advised to look at the decorations before the dance because they are so magnificent, but supposedly no one remembers them.

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those who don't know (hopefully) from their date. Entertainment on the dance floor, more FD activities in which to without pacing yourself, however, of not remembering, or worse, FD. It is a well-documented fact student has fallen into this try. The key to enjoying all these satisfaction is moderation, in of like a long distance run. If and fast at the beginning you and/or nauseous to finish. To put yourself through a training would in running. The fact that most people FD weekend in its entirety, a seems a bit ridiculous. those few who have not gained Fancy Dress experience, best of real man or woman to make it al three-day Fun Run in one and psychological piece.

like?

side, two friends told me that were searching for their dates ned upon the Kings of Swing, g band. They hung out in the le the band was on break. ise told me that a few people gh to go for a sobering swim in r after the dance. I'm usually d whimsical adventures, but I li participating in a "freeze" Dress night. ng many different stories about oa what to expect. I hope (and e a memorable(?) experience.



The FD from Hell

By EMILY GREER
Senior

I guess I've had my share of Fancy Dress nightmares. I have been, since freshman year, one of the first to say, "FD is overrated," but last year I had such a good time with one of my best friends, that my whole idea of messy FD's was confounded, and I can no longer claim to have a perfect running score of FD disasters. Freshman year, I panicked and invited an ex-boyfriend from Georgia Tech, who proceeded to do water-bongs all weekend in my dorm room, and was so far gone at the ball, in the tux I rented, after eating the Domino's pizza(?) I paid for, with the FD tickets I also paid for, that he was unable to appreciate the extensive decorations in the Warner Center. I owe much to my dorm counselor for her subtle response to the odd smell permeating our hall. She could have made my life rather difficult post-weekend.

My date's entire contributions to the weekend, on the other hand, included a "bag," (which I am sure he expected me to be as delighted with as he was), and a six-pack of Miller Lite, THE Mt. Brook beer. (You either know what I mean, or else you don't).

Perhaps I've said too much about my freshman FD already; the rest is none of your business. Sophomore year. Scratch that year altogether. NOT good. Junior year, with my great friend, Rick. He was the best. A very amusing dinner, 8 of us teasing the stodginess of the Homestead's Dining Room. I'll never forget the size of the crayfish that was supposed to garnish my main entree, "Unduh du sea." (It's from the movie *The Little Mermaid*, you clueless slob.) This year, well, I am a senior. But the outcome of this FD remains to be seen. If you have any suggestions as to how I should occupy myself, the number's 463-9488.

Pleasure is the prime concern

By MEREDITH GRONROOS
Junior

There is nothing else like Fancy Dress, "THE collegiate event of the South," a phrase that I read in the *Phi* my freshman year and that has stayed with me ever since.

The best party of the year, at a school which excels at both education and recreation, is obviously a function of epic proportions. An entire weekend of new clothes, or nonstop drinking, depending on your priorities. Junior women, only for whom can I speak, are armed with the experiences of prior years and are ready for the weekend, and most importantly, the ball.

There are certain precautions to take and preparations to make that will ensure a pleasurable FD experience for all concerned. First and foremost — and I cannot stress this enough — do not, and I'll repeat it, do not let anyone persuade you to try a new and unusual cocktail or mixed drink in honor of FD. This is the worst thing you can do. Stay with what you know, because I guarantee you, in the excitement of the occasion, you will not even notice how much you are "trying." And before you know it, FD will be just a memory for you — and your date, by whom you will henceforth be remembered as "you know, the one I took to FD. Ughh."

Secondly, don't expect to have the evening of your life, and you will. Do you remember the prom? Months of anticipation, and in most cases, little to show for it. Take FD for what

it is: the biggest and best dressed party you've ever been to.

Speaking of best dressed, there are a few things to think of when purchasing and planning the FD ensemble besides, "When he sees me in this dress, he's gonna wish he never laid eyes on that sorry hag by his side."

Having fun will high on your list of priorities. First, I will not buy a dress which restricts my movement in any way. If I cannot simultaneously hold my drink out to the side, shag and/or jitterbug, make my way through crowds, pose for pictures and support my stumbling date in this dress, then I am hating it.

I will not wear shoes that look good, but that don't have traction on the floor covered in spilled drinks, or won't let me walk many miles from the pre-party to the gym. (It always seems like miles, even if it's right down the street.)

I won't wear long, dangly or heavy jewelry that requires constant readjustment because that's just a pain in the butt, and I only have two hands after all.

Most men don't notice that FD provides other amusements besides the bands and the decorations. There's the perennial favorite, "Would You Look What She's Wearing!"

This game can be played for hours at a time, with one or ten of your closest girlfriends, some of whom you may have just met in the bathroom.

The object of this game is to find fellow party-goers who fit into one or more of the following categories: "What A Gorgeous Dress!"; "That Dress Has S-E-M Written All Over It!"; "My Last Year's FD/Christmas/New Year's Dress Looks Just Like That Except..."; "BIG HAIR! BIG HAIR!"; "Who Is She With?"; and my personal favorite, "Those Shoes Do not Go With That Dress."

This is a good game to play if you did not suit up for this "athletic" event as carefully as I suggested, and find that your feet are hurting you big-time. One warning however: dates who do not bring to people-watching the same vigor that you do can get a little ornery if you seem to be enjoying the game more than their company.

However, before I even arrive this year, there are a couple of things which I am determined to do. I am going to go to those Arthur Murray dance lessons offered way-cheap right before FD if it kills me.

Also, before I graduate I am going to attend FD in costume, because that is the only way to adhere to the true spirit of the ball, and the only sure way to have the eyes of everyone in the gym upon you. Which really is the goal after all, no matter which category you fit into, right?

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Changes won't expand CRC's jurisdiction

By GREG PATTERSON
Phi Staff Reporter

The Confidential Review Committee's 46-page proposal to restructure itself would not change the CRC's jurisdiction, said CRC Chairman Joan Shaughnessy.

If the present proposal is accepted, Shaughnessy said, the revised CRC would maintain its current jurisdiction over verbal harassment and sexual harassment and assault. She said the CRC would not enforce the proposed "Principle of Civility and Decency" beyond those categories.

Shaughnessy said the only substantial changes would be that the CRC would have a student majority and that student representatives would be appointed by the Executive Committee, instead of by the university president.

Another major change is that if both the accused and accuser in a case consent, the case may be heard in front of the SCC instead of the CRC.

"The CRC hopes that with time the SCC will be able to

take over all these areas completely," Shaughnessy said. "But the majority of the committee feels that time has not yet arrived.

The proposal is being reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee, which will make a recommendation to the faculty. The faculty will vote on SAC's recommendation in May. The revisions do not have to be approved by the student body.

An overwhelming majority of students who were asked for their opinions on the proposal said they did not know enough about it to make a decision.

"I can't comment on something I haven't seen," junior Jennifer Gibson said. Gibson said she thinks the proposal should be available to students.

EC Secretary Caroline Wight said she tried to help a student find a copy of the report, but couldn't.

"It hasn't been really publicized. It would be hard for people to know about it," Wight said. "If students want to read [the report] they really have to search for it."

Dean of Students and SAC Chairman David Howison said copies of the report are on reserve at the library for students.

Many decry Columbus' treatment of native groups

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logs, one in which he underreported the distance the ships made each day so as not to alarm the sailors and to keep the real route a secret.

Writer Hans Koning accuses Columbus of the genocide of the New World Indians and their environment, saying Columbus created a cruel slave trade of Indians between Spain and the island of Hispaniola. In *Columbus: His Enterprise*, Koning cites instances in which Indians had their hands chopped off if they failed to meet the gold dust quota. The Spaniards had so totally pacified the Indians, he said, that one could take any Indian woman and do with her as he pleased.

Gates contends, "It's safe to say he never saw it that way," citing Columbus' role as a crusader as well as a seeker of honor and wealth.

Regardless, Columbus became and embarrassment to the crown as details of the Spaniard atrocities reached Spain, according

to writer David Gelman.

"Under his stewardship, the first permanent Spanish settlement in the New World became so cruel and chaotic that he was returned to Europe in chains," Gates elaborated.

Although King Ferdinand pardoned Columbus more than 500 years ago, some dispute the legitimacy of his actions more vehemently than ever. Koning and many others plead for a less "Eurocentric" world history than what is currently taught in classrooms.

Some fear that the controversy currently surrounding the passing quinquennial and a demand for retribution by those whose ancestors may have been wronged by the Spaniards will create a backlash in our historical perceptions.

"So now, in reaction to it, comes the manufacture of its opposite myth," *Time* writer Robert Hughes said. "European man, once the hero of the conquest of Americas, now becomes its demon; and the victims, who cannot be brought back to life, are sanctified."

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Molloy pitches Generals to split

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Staff Reporter

It was a Jekyll and Hyde week for the Washington and Lee baseball team.

On Saturday, the Generals split a double-header with Randolph-Macon. They lost the opener 14-5, and then rebounded in the finale, 3-1. The team then took on the Bridgewater Eagles Monday and were soundly defeated 13-5.

Head Coach Jeff Stickley said he wasn't disappointed with the up-and-down play.

"We're not down or disappointed with the losses. We were close in the first game against Randolph-Macon and we played very well in the second," said Stickley.

In the first game, the Generals fell behind 6-0 after three innings. The Generals scored five runs in the fifth to close the gap to one.

However, R-MC exploded in the seventh for eight runs and won 14-5.

In the night-cap, sophomore Tim Molloy pitched a seven-hit, one run game, and powered the Generals to a 3-1 win.

Molloy limited the Yellow Jackets to all singles, while striking out six. It was the best pitching performance by a Generals pitcher this year.

"I pitched really well from start to finish," said Molloy. "Plus, the defense played great and that made it much easier."

Senior T.J. Daly homered in the second to open the scoring. Junior John Hesse had the game-winner with an RBI single in the fourth. Freshman Duane Van Arsdale closed out the scoring with a round-tripper in the sixth.

Van Arsdale's homer was his fourth this year, the most by a General since 1989. He upped his slugging

percentage to .913. Daly's 5-for-6 performance raised his average to .400 on the season.

The Generals' roller coaster week closed with a 13-5 loss to the Eagles. Again, the Generals fell behind early and couldn't catch up.

BC pounded out seven runs on seven hits in the first two innings and never looked back. They added six more runs in the later innings and won comfortably. The loss highlighted the Generals' biggest concern thus far.

"Our biggest problem is getting out of the first inning without being behind," said Stickley. "It's a totally different ball game when we're behind. We can't be aggressive and play our game."

"However, by playing these good teams our young pitchers are learning to pitch. I think they'll come around soon and pitch steady from the first inning on," he said.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

From Staff Reports

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team won its first three matches of the spring season.

The Generals beat Hollins 9-0, 22nd-ranked Denison 5-4 and Virginia Wesleyan 9-0 on Saturday. W&L is ranked 23rd.

The Generals are now 6-3 and 3-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Junior Claire Dudley competed at the NCAA Division III swimming championships last weekend, but did not qualify for the final heats of her races. The Athletics Promotions Committee announced the winners from last weekend's contests. Dasha Hermosilla won a beach hat from University Sportwear at the track meet, and Beth Provanzania won the Domino's Pizza coupon at the tennis match.

Golfers start season strong; rally to finish seventh in S.C. Classic

By JAY PLOTKIN
Phi Sports Editor

The Washington and Lee golf team took to the links for the first time this season and picked up right where they left off last year.

At the Gordin Collegiate Classic, W&L rallied on the final day of competition to finish seventh.

"I'm happy with the finish," said Coach Buck Leslie. "We were ninth after two days and thought we could pick up three or four spots. We managed to pick up two, and I felt better after that."

W&L was led by senior all-american Jay McKnight. McKnight shot a three-round total of 239.

Senior Cliff Burrow had a strong weekend as well, finishing second for W&L.

"Cliff played really well at Nationals last year considering the

pressure he was under, and he didn't play that much last year," said Leslie. "He hasn't had that much experience. He played well to say the least."

Leslie feels that despite the strong showing, W&L still has some work to do to defend their Old Dominion Athletic Conference title and return to nationals for the third straight year.

"The ODAC is going to be tough," he said. "We've definitely got our work cut out for us. Guilford is a tough team, and everyone in the ODAC is improved. Greensboro is also tough in our region if we have tournament hopes."

Leslie says the team has simple goals, and if they stick to the basics, everything should fall into place. "We can't think nationals first," Leslie said. "That will get you in trouble. You can never forget what's immediately in front of you."

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Track - vs. Bridgewater, EMC
 Men's Tennis - I. JMU, Emory, DC
 Women's Lacrosse - W&L 13, R-MC 3
 Baseball - W&L 5-3, R-MC 14-1
 Men's Lacrosse - W&L 19, VWC 3
 Golf - 7th at Gordin Classic

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Next week's games:

Men's Lacrosse - 3/21 v. Gettysburg
 Women's Lacrosse - 3/19 h. RC, 3/21 MWC
 Baseball - 3/21 (h) vs. E&H (2)
 Men's Tennis - 3/21 (h) Wooster
 Women's Tennis - 3/20 (h) vs. R-MWC
 Golf - 3/20 at ODAC/Roanoke

W&L lacrosse teams reach crucial stretch

Streaking Generals look to overcome Roanoke's mystique

By JACOB KIMBALL
Phi Staff Reporter

"It's exciting. Everybody likes to win, and we are having fun winning."

Coach Jan Hathorn said that his how Washington and Lee's women's lacrosse team is feeling as they continue the best start in school history. Randolph-Macon was the latest victim. W&L won 13-3 Saturday to raise its record to 4-0.

Angie Carrington led the fun this time. She scored four goals and handed out two assists. Lisa Dowling netted three goals and added two assists, Kim Bishop scored two goals and dished out four assists and Whitney Hopkins finished with two goals and an assist.

Jennifer Donaldson anchored a tenacious defense. She had six saves.

The freshmen class has played a key role in the team's quick start.

"They are strong skill wise, they show good spirit, and they work really hard," Hathorn said.

The hard work has paid off early for three freshmen who start. Carrie Niederer has played a key role for the stingy defense, while Nicole Ripken and Lindsay Coleman have been a force offensively.

"All the freshmen show great potential, and I look forward to us improving as a group over the next four years," said Coleman, who starts and scored two goals on Saturday.

The next test for the Generals' spotless record is defending Old Dominion Athletic Conference champion Roanoke, which has also opened the season undefeated at 2-0.

"There is a lot of emotion surrounding this game," Hathorn said. "There is a certain mystique about never having beaten them. It has become a big deal, we really want to win."



Photo by W. Patrick Hinely, W&L
 Lisa Dowling moves upfield in W&L's win over Sweet Briar. Dowling is W&L's leading scorer with 13 goals and 6 assists.

Men's comeback attempt falls just short against Roanoke

By JAY PLOTKIN
Phi Sports Editor

The W&L men's lacrosse team had one of those games Saturday.

The Generals played about as well as they could play against Roanoke College, but that wasn't quite good enough.

"We played one hell of a game," said coach Jim Stagnitta after Roanoke topped W&L 14-11. "They are definitely one of the best three or four teams in the nation."

W&L trailed 10-6 in the fourth quarter before mounting a furious rally.

John Hunter, Wiemi Douougih, Colin Higgins and Jeff Roberts scored to cut the lead to 11-10 with three minutes left, but Roanoke scored twice to kill the W&L's rally.

"The bottom line was they were deeper and more athletic, and we still could have won the game," said

Stagnitta. "If we had shot well, we would have won the game."

W&L got three goals from Roberts, Higgins and Douougih. Roberts also had three assists. Senior Coleman Devlin made 19 saves in goal for the Generals.

One thing Stagnitta was extremely proud of was the fan support. "That was the biggest thing for us," he said. "To get that kind of support on the road means a lot to the kids."

Wednesday, the Generals routed Virginia Wesleyan 19-3. Roberts had three goals and three assists to lead a balanced attack. David Schiminger and Andy Dutton each scored three goals.

The seventh-ranked Generals, 4-3 and 3-1 in the ODAC, take on No. 3 Gettysburg Saturday night at Lexington High School's Brewbaker Field at 7 p.m.

Herring stars in first outdoor meet

By JAY PLOTKIN
Phi Sports Editor

For the Washington and Lee track teams, the first outdoor meet of the season brought home high marks from the respective coaches.

The women's team defeated both Eastern Mennonite and Bridgewater, and the men's team came in second to Bridgewater while beating Eastern Mennonite.

"I thought we had a chance to win the meet," said men's coach Norris Aldridge, "but I'm pleased with the way we performed."

"The meet was what I expected," said women's coach John Tucker. "I saw competitiveness and good performances. I was real pleased."

The best performance of the day came from freshman Kim Herring in the 4-by-400 relay team.

"She ran the third leg, and by the time she got the baton, we trailed by 30 to 40 yards," Tucker said. "Not only did she make up all the ground, she opened

up a 20 yard lead, and we were able to hold on to win the race."

Herring also won the 400-meter, the 1500-meter and the 5,000-meter runs.

"What it all boiled down to," said Tucker, "was that Kim Herring put on a show."

Freshman Sarah Gilbert also was a triple winner for the Generals. She won the high jump, the triple jump and the long jump.

Herring's performance overshadowed sophomore Wendy Neel's run in the 100-meter dash. She set a school-record of 13.1 seconds despite finishing second.

On the men's side, sophomore Robert Miggins walked off the basketball court and won the high jump with a leap of 6-feet-4.

"Miggins has a lot of ability to be a good high jumper," Aldridge said. "He needs to get the form down."

Junior Bo Hannah won twice, winning the 1500- and 5000-meter runs. Jim Henry, David Martin and Scott Covey also won events for W&L.

Tennis finds road trip tough

By SEAN O'ROURKE
Phi Staff Reporter

At the beginning of the season, the ultimate goal for the Washington and Lee men's tennis team was to make the Division III national tournament.

This past week the Generals got a taste of what tournament competition will be like.

After jumping out to a 4-0 record, the Generals went 1-3 this week and dropped to 5-3 on the season, 4-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. The three losses were at the hands of Division I schools James Madison and Davidson, and Emory,

the ranked 6th-ranked team in Division III.

"We played well against all three," said senior Richard Yates. "However, we just couldn't come up with the big points to win."

Thursday the Generals entertained JMU and came out on the short end of a 6-3 score. It was the first loss for the Generals and their first against a Division I opponent.

W&L didn't get any reprieve as they went on a weekend road trip to Emory and Davidson. The Generals lost the opener on Saturday to Emory, 7-2. Wes Ruggles got one of the points by upsetting 24th-ranked Colin White at fourth singles 6-4, 6-4.

"We were happy with our play against Emory," said assistant coach Gavin Colliton. "We just couldn't win the big points, and that's the key factor in any match."

The Generals got a break Tuesday as they made a short trip over the mountain to Lynchburg. They took out their frustrations, blanking the Hornets 9-0.

The Generals will be challenged again Saturday when nationally-ranked Wooster pays a visit. Colliton says this is going to be a key test for the Generals.

"We want to prove how good we are, and if we want to make the tournament we need to beat them."

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Theme celebrates the dawn of an era

By PAMELA KELLEY
Phi Associate Editor

The moment of discovery is upon us. Finally, the long-awaited announcement of 85th annual Fancy Dress Ball theme: "A Return Voyage to the Age of Exploration."

This year's theme reflects a world-wide celebration of the dawning of a new age in travel, as well as technology and culture, which historians say began 500 years ago.

By the time the expected 2500 guests enter the Warner Center March 27th, more than 200 people will have contributed to FD's organization. Almost \$80,000 and hundreds of man-hours will have been expended to retrace the journeys of the most famous mariner of the millennium, Christopher Columbus.

The travels of Columbus provided the link that joined forever two worlds previously separated both geographically and culturally.

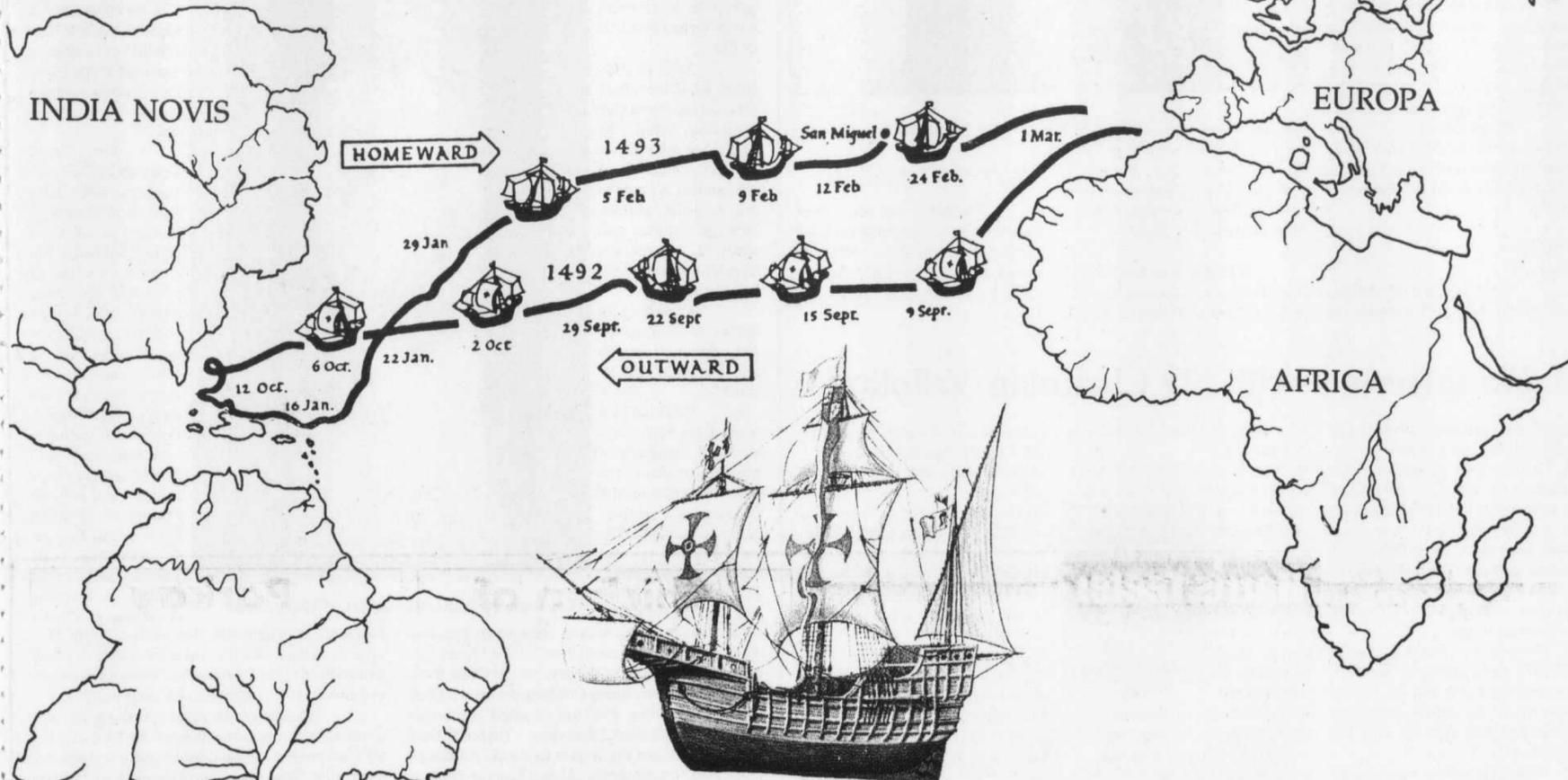
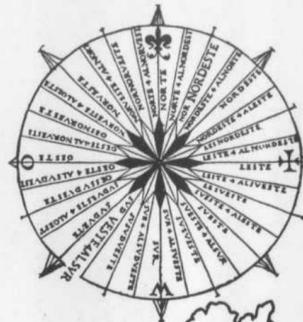
Columbus did not set out to locate a "New World." Instead, he sought a quick route to China and the Spice Islands which would yield gold and treasures untold, as well as ready converts to Christianity. Yet in 1492 he stumbled into the Caribbean Islands of Cuba and Hispaniola while in search of a route from Spain to Asia by way of the Atlantic Ocean.

Washington and Lee's celebration will reconstruct much of the fact

and "fancy" that has created the legend of Christopher Columbus.

Perhaps *Newsweek*, in its own special Columbus edition, expressed the spirit with which W&L's event will be held:

"Only imagination can bring us close to him: So put yourself in his shoes.... at last your dream comes true. They've given you your ships, the winds are favorable, you reach the land you always knew would be there..."



Fact, lore weave the yarn of Columbus

By RICK PELTZ
Phi Editor

In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue, but historians agree on little else, as tall tales have mixed fact with fancy over the last five centuries.

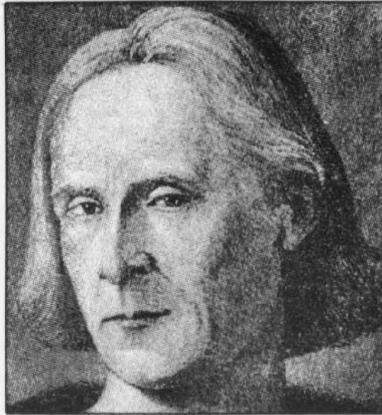
Genoese Cristoforo Colombo was probably born in the fall of 1451 to Spanish-Jewish parents. As a young man he took to the sea in commercial ventures by age 14.

By age 30 Columbus was an accomplished sailor, and images of China's splendor, the fame of Marco Polo, Ptolemy's exaggerated geographical assertions, and the Scriptures soon spurred him to sail westward. He deduced that China lay about west, about a third the actual to the New World.

Rejected in Portugal, Columbus made an exploration proposal to Spain in 1486, but a war against the Moors persisted in draining royal coffers. When the war ended in January, 1492, Columbus' following at court swayed Queen Isabella to his cause.

Educated people in 1492 already guessed the earth to be round, so Columbus probably did not need to convince the Spanish monarchs. Columbus was given the rough equivalent to \$14,000 for the voyage, a relatively low budget operation.

In September, 1492, three ships, the *Niña*, *Pinta* and *Santa María*, the latter carrying Columbus, weighed anchor from the Canary Islands. Within one month, sailors on the *Santa María*,



Columbus, by the 16th-century artist Lotto

frustrated by repeated false sightings of land, demanded that Columbus turn back.

Two days later, a lookout on the *Pinta* sighted land by night, probably Watling Island in today's Bahamas. When day broke, he and a party went ashore and planted the Spanish flag on the coast.

There is little doubt Columbus believed during

his first voyage that he was in the East. His writings make mention of sending a delegation to meet China's Great Khan.

On return to Spain, Columbus was showered with attention and promised another voyage.

Columbus again traveled westward in 1493, 1498 and 1502. In the summer of 1498, Columbus landed on the South American mainland. That voyage seemed to give him his first indication that he was in a new world.

"I believe that this is a very large mainland, of which, until today, we have had no knowledge," Columbus wrote, according to Lorenzo Camusso.

Columbus' latter voyages did not give him as much fame as the first. He carried the first mass of colonists to the West with his second voyage, bringing with them the plants, domesticated animals, food, and of course diseases of Europe that would forever change the face of the West. But he was not an exceptional governor, and fighting among colonists and New World natives, and general lawlessness were rampant problems. As the result of one insurrection, he was returned to Spain in chains, humiliated and frustrated.

With failing health in the first years of the 16th century, Columbus negotiated with Spain's King Ferdinand for the explorer's share of trade profits, according to Camusso. In 1504, a rich but arthritic and embittered Columbus died in Spain, not fully cognizant of the scope of his accomplishments.

The age of Everyman Columbus was just one slice of life in 1492

By JENNIFER ZAMBONE
Special to the Phi

Columbus' voyage wasn't all that happened in 1492.

Lorenzo de Medici died at age 43 in his city of Florence. His grandson, the prince of Machiavelli's *The Prince*, was born later in the year. Niccolò Machiavelli himself was 23.

Leonardo da Vinci was living in Milan, engaged mostly in writing on scientific topics, unaware that in three years he would be asked to paint a fresco in a nearby convent on a suitably religious subject.

Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain had better things to do than worry about a Genoese sailor. Persuaded by the Inquisition leader, they expelled all Jews from Spain. Their determined campaign to expel the Moors from Spain triumphed when

they captured Granada.

Charles VIII of France paid the price of peace with England's Henry VII and two years later started war by invading Italy.

English theater crowds were being wowed by a new upbeat play, *Everyman*. The literate were delving into works more or less hot off the press, including *Le Morte D'Arthur*, published just seven years before.

Italy topped France in fashion, as the Spanish chose Italian comfort over French design.

Genoese-turned-Englishman John Cabot (Giovanni Caboto) was looking for funds to finance a trans-Atlantic expedition. Two years later Caboto landed in Newfoundland, which he determined to be the northern coast of China.

Jennifer Zambone is editor of the *Journal of Science*.

Exploring the Globe

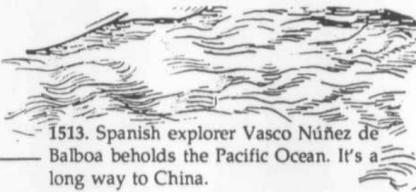


1492. Christopher Columbus crosses the Atlantic. A small colony left at La Navidad will be wiped out before Columbus returns.

1497. Venetian navigator Giovanni Caboto, a.k.a. John Cabot, lands at Newfoundland, discovering the New World for the British — even if it looked like China's northern coast at first.



1499. Italian Amerigo Vespuccio reaches South America and realizes it's not China's east coast.



1513. Spanish explorer Vasco Núñez de Balboa beholds the Pacific Ocean. It's a long way to China.

1487. Portuguese navigator Bartholomeu Dias becomes the first European to sail to the Cape of Good Hope at the Southern tip of Africa, indicating it might be possible to reach the East by sailing south.



1498. Portuguese Vasco da Gama embarks on Dias' southern route, and he reaches India.



1507. German mapmaker Martin Waldseemüller produces a world map that includes the "Americas," named for Vespucci.



1522. A ship from Ferdinand Magellan's expedition completes the first circumnavigation of the globe.



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The Pat Curtis Orchestra will lead this year's FD waltzes in the



Publicity photo

The four-member Blues Traveler will perform at the Pavilion Thursday night. The concert begins at 9 p.m.

Warner Center. The 16-member swing band, has played behind such figures as Rosemary Clooney, Danny Thomas and Shirley McClane.

They performed at W&L last year.

The Itals will open for The Band in Doremus Gymnasium. The reggae trio formed in Jamaica in 1976.

The Band will take center stage soon after. The group has been wowing audiences since 1968 with its unique blend of country, rhythm and blues kind of classic rock since 1968.

FD Ball's status has traveled full circle since 1907

By PAMELA KELLEY
Phi Associate Editor

Washington and Lee's first official Fancy Dress Ball wasn't as elaborate as some over the last 85 years, which have featured camels, elephants, train cars, and spotlights. In contrast to the thousands of dollars spent on Fancy Dress today, \$42 left over from a theater production proceeds funded the first gala, held in 1907.

Annie Jo Robertson White, the college librarian and drama club president, used the money to decorate the old gymnasium for a masked ball. Admission price for the ball was free, although costumes cost about \$2. An orchestra from VMI played all the latest two-steps.

According to the next week's *Ring-tum Phi*, "About 40 couples and 50 stags participated."

The 20s and 30s marked the ball's heyday, with thousands of people in attendance. The Ball was professionally decorated and received national attention. The band made its national debut when it was broadcast live via Walter Winchell and the Lucky Strike Radio Network hookup. Newspapers from New York to Texarcana reported on it. The biggest jazz bands and orchestras of the day, such as Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman played at the Ball.

The 1969 ball boasted "psychedelic music and a professional light show." The Fancy Dress Committee offered the languid theme of "An Inauguration Ball," not in honor of a United States president, or a mythical Egyptian tyrant, but rather for new Washington and Lee President Robert Huntley. The Saturday



Life photo
VMI cadets wait in the stag line at an early FD.

night concert boasted a separate theme from the stodgy Inauguration: "Love-In 69."

For the next four years FD was replaced by similar concerts put on by the Allman Brothers, Shanna-Na and Billy Preston. The 1971 Dance Board chairman informed the EC that there would not be a ball "because of a greatly reduced budget and past history of student disinterest."

One alumnus wrote that "for the old grad from General Lee's college it is the most shattering break with the past since the Generals dropped out of big time football."

But Fancy Dress would rise again. By the mid 1970s Fancy Dress had returned to its roots as the finest party in the South. 1974 ended the absence of what had once been deemed, "the South's outstanding collegiate event," with a black-tie Mardi Gras ball. Costumes, however, became a thing of the past. Unlike earlier years the main dance was held in Fairfax lounge, Evans Dining Hall, and the Cockpit. In 1976, the Phi noted that the festival was kicked off Thursday night in the "simply yet elegantly decorated Zollman's



Library file photo

Annie Jo White, the founder of Fancy Dress

Pavilion." Similar parties that weekend might have given birth to the headline that graced the 1976 Fancy Dress edition of *The Ring-tum Phi*, "Fancy Dress Weekend arrives; University braces for hangover."

Although similar sentiments about the spirit of the ball have pervaded through the 80's, into the 90's, its proportions have once again exceeded any expectation "Miss Annie" might have had, with themes such as A Diamond Jubilee on its 75th anniversary and Lost Cities of Gold and Gatsby's Great Gala.

A Phi interview with FD Chairman Vallotton

Q: Why do you think this theme translates well for Fancy Dress?

A: This theme was chosen in order to celebrate the centennial celebration of Christopher Columbus' discovery of the New World. Because it has never been done before, we thought it was particularly appropriate to choose it as this year's theme.

Q: How much money is being spent? Explain the budget...

A: The budget for this year's ball is \$75,900, the majority of which is spent on the bands and the decorations. All of the money comes from the memorabilia sales the week before the ball.

Q: What other themes were considered?

A: The other top choices were Casablanca, Mardi Gras, Graceland,

Wild West, Dr. Suess and Alice in Wonderland.

Q: What's your most difficult duty?

A: My most difficult duty is trying to please everyone. I have to make extremely difficult decisions sometimes and people are not always happy with what I decide. However, I think through my decisions very carefully, and in the end, hopefully everything will turn out all right.

Q: What are your responsibilities?

A: My responsibilities are to oversee the whole process. I have to manage 200 people, make sure we keep under

budget on everything, follow through on all the decoration orders, etc.

Q: What will be done differently this year?

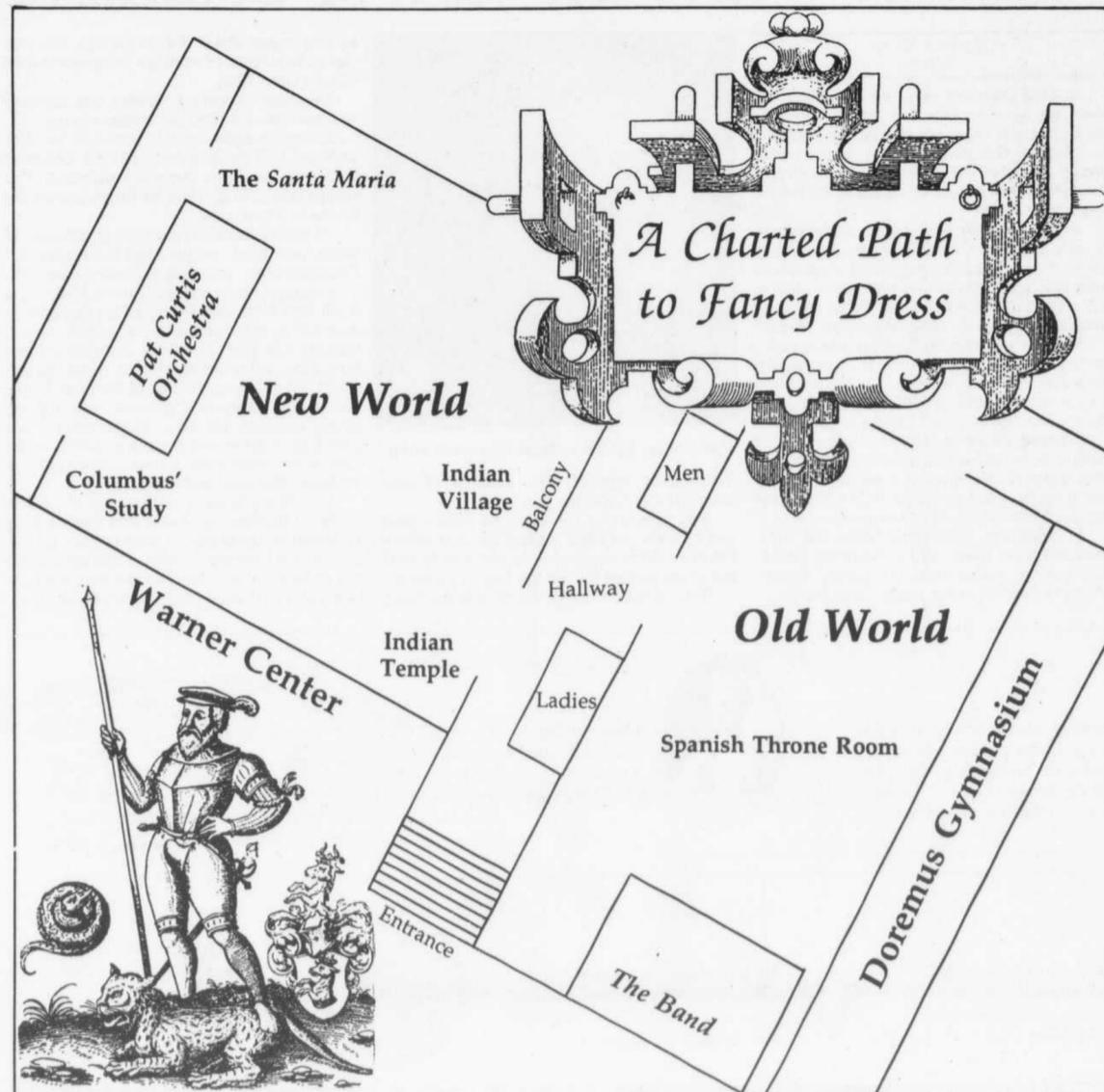
A: This year we hired a contractor to construct most of the difficult decorations. Also, as has been publicized, cut the playbill, as well as the fire works.

Q: Did you have any goals for FD?

A: I have had lots of goals this year for Fancy Dress, such as maintaining organization, keeping under budget and managing my time wisely. My most important goal, however, is to have fun. If I have fun, then it is conveyed to everyone else on the committee. It has a sort of snowball effect, in that they also seem to enjoy what they are doing, and the entire process runs more smoothly.



Vallotton



Fancy Dress decor requires research and imagination

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The Warner Center and Doremus Gymnasium will be elaborately decorated to transport FD-goers back to the age of Columbus and the natives he encountered. Each corner will be transformed to recreate an important scene in either the Old World or the New.

This year's nine FD decorations chairmen have researched their projects thoroughly to create scenes that are as authentic and beautiful as possible.

Upon approaching the Ball along a torch-lined walkway, one will see a large tapestry of copper, teal and plum, this year's FD colors, adorning the entranceway.

The center's hallway will entice all to choose to enter either the Old World or the New. On the right, will be ten-foot columns reminiscent of 15th century Italian architecture, while parallel to them on the left wall of the hallway will be palm trees signalling the close proximity of the tropics, where Columbus landed.

To the right, the columns will lead into Doremus Gymnasium, which will be decorated as Ferdinand's and Isabella's throne room in which Columbus' voyages were commissioned and where he told them of

the new lands he had captured for the crown. Costumed mannequins will be placed in the thrones.

Across the way, in the New World will lie examples of what Columbus must have seen as he landed. An Indian village, with grass and mud huts and totem poles, which were characteristic of area tribes of the period, will rest on the Warner Center balcony. Perhaps inhabitants, of such dwellings gave Columbus some of the new plants and animals he eventually took back to Spain.

To the left will be a crumbling Indian temple draped with moss. On each side of the temple, will be murals, as well as palm trees and plants. One of the largest attractions of the ball is sure to be the ceiling-high replica of Columbus' ship *Santa Maria* in the far right corner of the Warner Center. The ship was blue-printed and constructed by members of the W&L theater department.

In the Warner Center's far left corner will be a recreation of Columbus' study, as well as instruments such as maps and an astrolabe, which he might have used to chart his course.

Meanwhile, the modern-day strains of a swing band as well as reggae and classic rock will entertain as the ceiling above poses as a twinkling Caribbean sky.

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